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SUBJ: HONG KONG COMMUNIST PAPER ON THE SECRETARY'S AFRICAN TRIP

1. AN APRIL 23 COMMENTARY IN THE PRC-OWNED TA KUNG PAO IN HONG KONG OBSERVES THAT THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO AFRICA WAS PLANNED AFTER THE SOVIETS DISPATCHED CUBAN MILITARY ADVISERS TO ANGOLA AND UTILIZED AID TO AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUPS IN ORDER TO MEDDLE IN ANGOLA AND PLUNDER OTHER PEOPLES' REVOLUTIONARY FRUITS. IT OPINES THAT THERE WILL BE A SECOND AND EVEN A THIRD ANGOLA. THE SOVIETS, IT ADDS, ALREADY HAVE MADE MOVES TOWARD MOZAMBIQUE AND THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN GROUPS, AND THE PRESENCE OF MILITARY ADVISERS IN AFRICA IS SEEN AS A LONG-TERM AFFAIR.

2. LINKING THE SECRETARY'S TRIP DIRECTLY TO U.S.-SOVIET CONTENTION, THE COMMENTARY ASSERTS THAT THE U.S. ALREADY OCCUPIES A DISADVANTAGIOUS POSITION IN ANGOLA. MOREOVER, THE AFRICA TRIP COMES AT A TIME WHEN THE "SONNENFELDT DOCTRINE" HAS CAUSED CONCERN IN WESTERN EUROPE. THE COMMENTARY CONTENTS THAT GENERALLY THE PROSPECTS ARE DIM FOR THE TRIP RESULTING IN ANY MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS.

3. SOUTHERN AFRICA AND LEBANON ARE CITED AS CRITICAL SPOTS, BUT THE ARTICLE ONLY LIKENS THE SOUTHERN AFRICA SITUATION

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TO THE RECENT SOUTHEAST ASIA SITUATION WHEN, AS THE WOLF

(THE U.S.) WAS BEING EJECTED FROM THE FRONT DOOR, THE TIGER
(THE USSR) WAS SEEKING TO SNEAK IN FROM THE BACK. IT
CONCLUDES WITH PREDICTABLE FORECAST THAT DESPITE A
TORTUOUS STRUGGLE AT TIMES, THE AFRICAN PEOPLES -- WHO
MUST DISTINGUISH FRIEND FROM FOE -- ULTIMATELY WILL GAIN
REAL INDEPENDENCE.
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